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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A defibrillator with having an electronic device arranged in a housing ~~[[(2)]]~~ and ~~with electrodes (5.2) which can be connected~~ connectible thereto and ~~are to~~ that can be applied to a patient,

~~characterized in that the defibrillator comprising:~~

the electrodes (5.2) ~~[[are]]~~ received in a chamber (3.6) formed on ~~[[the]]~~ an inside of a cover (3) which can be one of flipped open ~~[[or]]~~ and removed.

2. (Currently Amended) The defibrillator in accordance with claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that even in the~~ an unused state of the defibrillator (1) ~~[[,]]~~ the electrodes (5.2) are connected by ~~means of~~ a connecting cable (5.1) and a plug (5.3) connected therewith to a connection socket of the housing (2) connected with the electronic device in a hollow chamber covered in the unused state by the cover.

3. (Currently Amended) The defibrillator in accordance with claim ~~[[1 or]]~~ 2, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the electrodes (5.2) are received by ~~means of~~ one of a vacuum-sealed, a moisture-proof ~~[[or]]~~ and a dust-proof electrode receptacle (5) in the chamber (3.6) of the cover (3).

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4. (Currently Amended) The defibrillator in accordance with ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 3, wherein a handle means (3.1) ~~[[are]]~~ is arranged on ~~[[the]]~~ an outside of the cover (3), which can be grasped by a user and by ~~means of~~ which the cover (3) can be torn off the housing (2).

5. (Currently Amended) The defibrillator in accordance with claim 4, ~~wherein characterized in that the handle means are~~ is a pull strap (3.1) connected with one of the cover (3) ~~[[or]]~~ and the electrode receptacle (5).

6. (Currently Amended) The defibrillator in accordance with ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 5, wherein the cover (3) ~~is provided with~~ has holding elements (3.3, 3.4) which~~[[,]]~~ for fixing ~~[[it]]~~ on the housing (2)~~[[,]]~~ are one of latched, clipped ~~[[or]]~~ and snapped into counter-holding elements arranged on the outside of the housing, or are magnetically held ~~thereon~~ on the outside of the housing.

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7. (Currently Amended) The defibrillator in accordance with ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 6, wherein further chambers are formed on the inside of the cover (3) and ~~further~~ removable operating utensils (6, 7) are received.

8. (Currently Amended) The defibrillator in accordance with ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 7, wherein the ~~at least one~~ chamber (3.5, 3.6, 3.7) with at least one of the electrodes (5.2) and ~~possibly the~~ further operating utensils (6, 7) is covered by ~~means of~~ a removable inner cover element (3.8).

9. (Currently Amended) The defibrillator in accordance with ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein a housing wall at the front, which in the unused state is covered by the cover (3) and in the used state is released, is ~~embodied as~~ a control panel (2.2) with at least one triggering element (2.22) for defibrillation and user guide elements (2.22, 2.21).

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10. (Currently Amended) The defibrillator in accordance with ~~one of claims 4 to claim 9, wherein~~ characterized in that information means (3.2) for ~~[[the]]~~ actuation of the handle means (3.1) ~~[[are]]~~ is arranged on the outside of the cover (3).

11. (Currently Amended) The defibrillator in accordance with ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 10, wherein a sensor arrangement (8.1, 8.2) ~~is provided which is embodied in such a way that it responds to the removal of the cover (3), and by means of which~~ for switching on the defibrillator (1) ~~can be switched on.~~

12. (New) The defibrillator in accordance with claim 1, wherein the electrodes (5.2) are received by one of a vacuum-sealed, a moisture-proof and a dust-proof electrode receptacle (5) in the chamber (3.6) of the cover (3).

13. (New) The defibrillator in accordance with claim 1, wherein a handle (3.1) is arranged on an outside of the cover (3), which can be grasped by a user and by which the cover (3) can be torn off the housing (2).

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14. (New) The defibrillator in accordance with claim 13, wherein the handle is a pull strap (3.1) connected with one of the cover (3) and an electrode receptacle (5) of the cover (3).

15. (New) The defibrillator in accordance with claim 1, wherein the cover (3) has holding elements (3.3, 3.4) which for fixing on the housing (2) are one of latched, clipped and snapped into counter-holding elements arranged on an outside of the housing, or are magnetically held on the outside of the housing.

16. (New) The defibrillator in accordance with claim 1, wherein further chambers are formed on the inside of the cover (3) and removable operating utensils (6, 7) are received.

17. (New) The defibrillator in accordance with claim 1, wherein the chamber (3.5, 3.6, 3.7) with at least one of the electrodes (5.2) and the further operating utensils (6, 7) is covered by a removable inner cover element (3.8).

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18. (New) The defibrillator in accordance with claim 1, wherein a housing wall at a front, which in an unused state is covered by the cover (3) and in a used state is released, is a control panel (2.2) with at least one triggering element (2.22) for defibrillation and user guide elements (2.22, 2.21).

19. (New) The defibrillator in accordance with claim 4, wherein information (3.2) for actuation of the handle (3.1) is arranged on the outside of the cover (3).

20. (New) The defibrillator in accordance with claim 1, wherein a sensor arrangement (8.1, 8.2) responds to a removal of the cover (3) for switching on the defibrillator (1).